SUBJECT No. 322.

Cauvery Power Reservoir.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Board trust that their suggestion of last year for the construction of a large storage reservoir to provide for emergencies in dry seasons will have the further consideration of Government.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 323.

Working of the New Mines Regulation.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Urges for the necessity of further enlarging the section defining "Mining Material," which is at present very inadequate; and also that the section relating to the "warning off" of unemployed persons should be amended, so that these undesirables when served with a notice may be prevented from simply moving from one mine to another thus for a considerable period, evading the intention of the section.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 324.

Confiscation of stolen gold.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Again urges Government to recognise the Mining Board's right to receive all gold which has been stolen from the Kolar Field and after recovery has been confiscated to Government.

Reply of Government.—Government have decided in their Proceedings No. J. 930-32—Legis. 38-06-1, dated 25th September 1907, that the claim is inadmissible and that the value of confiscated gold should be credited to Government. Special steps will be taken in consultation with the Mining Board for the proper prosecution of important cases of theft of gold and other mining material.

SUBJECT No. 325.

Plague.

Mr Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Expresses regret at the recent recrudescence of plague in the district and urges the necessity of increased sanitary precautions in the surrounding villages, especially Robertsonpet and Ooregum.

Reply of Government.—Noted for early consideration.

SUBJECT No. 326.

Private medical officers summoned to give evidence in Government prosecutions.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—States the inconvenience caused by the summoning of the Board's private medical officers to give expert evidence in Government prosecutions; and submits that in such cases when their presence is absolutely necessary, they should receive adequate remuneration for their professional opinion.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

(Nos 327 to 334).

SUBJECT No. 327.

In re. the special grant of one lakh of rupees for City improvements.

Summary of discussion.—Pray that the special grant of a lakh of rupees for the improvements of the Bangalore City may be placed at the disposal of the Municipal Council, instead of placing it in the hands of the Public

Messrs. B. Gangaiya, B. Appajaiya, B. Basappa and B. Veerabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

Works Department, as is now done; or that the Government may be pleased to order that the Municipality may be consulted before the Public Works Department undertakes any work connected with sanitation.

Reply of Government.—Arrangements will be made to consult the Municipal Council in matters of improvement, as suggested.

SUBJECT No. 328.

Location of the Taluk Cutcherry, the City and the Taluk Police Stations and the Sub-Registrar's Office in Chikpet.

Messrs. B. Gangaiya, B. Appajaiya, B. Basanna and B. Veerabhadra Chetty, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The removal of the Bangalore Taluk Cutcherry, City and Taluk Police Stations and Sub-Registrar's Office from Chikpet is an unpopular measure and a source of great inconvenience and trouble to the whole City and is very keenly felt. As all people have business to transact daily in these offices, they should be located in the same place as before, which is in the heart of the City. We think that the land can be repurchased.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 329.

Water-supply project for the Dodballapur Town.

Mr. Karigiriyappa, Dodballapur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The project for the water-supply to Dodballapur Town was promised to be expedited last year but no action has yet been taken in the matter. The work may be ordered to be taken up early, as great difficulty is being felt for water by the people of the town.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 330.

Water-supply to Closepet Town.

Mr. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The present supply of water by means of a pump from the bed of the Arkavati river is a failure and cannot supply even a few houses on the banks of the river. If the Government will bear the cost of purchasing a pumping machine, its maintenance will be undertaken by the Municipality.

Reply of Government.—The matter will receive early attention.

SUBJECT No. 331.

A Treasury for Closepet.

Messrs. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Closepet Municipality, and Muddaveera Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Closepet is the centre of a large silk trade. Merchants desiring to cash notes have often to go to Channapatna. The location of a Treasury in this Sub-Taluk Head-quarters will be conducive to trade. The difficulty of guarding remittances experienced by persons who bring them from distant villages and often miss the train to Channapatna may be avoided by this.

Reply of Government.—It is not expedient to multiply the number of small Treasuries.

SUBJECT No. 332.

Dam across the Arkavati river near Closepet.

Mr. Muddaveera Setti, Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Want of facilities for wet cultivation is a great drawback in this taluk. A dam across the Arkavati river in a suitable place will enable the people to utilise the water of the river for cultivation purposes and will be both profitable to Government and beneficial to